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EUROPE

1. FRANCE: Socialists still hostile to De Gaulle—US Ambassador Caffery believes that as yet the important non-Communist political parties have not come to any agreement which would permit De Gaulle's return to power. Caffery says that the majority of the Socialist leadership is bitterly hostile to De Gaulle and has recently threatened to withdraw Socialist support from the Government if the Radicals and the Republicans respond favorably to De Gaulle's recently-announced "peace offensive."

(CIA Comment: CIA believes that De Gaulle's "peace offensive" will not be pushed at the risk of endangering the present Government.)

NEAR EAST-AFRICA

2. IRAN: Government may ask UN to investigate Soviet charges—
The Chief of Staff of the Iranian Army has informed the US
Military Attache in Tehran that the Iranian Government will
request the appointment of a UN commission to investigate the
charges and countercharges expressed in the recent Soviet—
Iranian exchange of notes.

(CIA Comment: The USSR has addressed two notes to Iran charging that US military activities in Iran are a threat to Soviet security. The Iranian Government has contemplated filing these notes with the Security Council which remains seized of the Iranian case.)

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